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WELCOME TO THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION, DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

In the Diocese of Parramatta, the Catholic Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, I believe we have very big hearts. More often than not, we are willing to share the little we have with our loved ones around us, our families abroad and our friends.

I also know many of you, if you aren't already, are willing to give yourselves in service to the Church, but often don't know where to start, nor have the time to begin.

For those of you in this position, or if you just want to do more, you might like to consider donating to our newly established *Parramatta Catholic Foundation* as a means of participating and strengthening the work of the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. These works include the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Holy Spirit Seminary, The Ephpheta Centre and CatholicCare. These agencies are an embodiment of faith, hope and charity in our Diocese – the great virtues God inspires us to build and sustain.

Today in our Diocese we face many challenges, some good and others less so. For instance, we are quite fortunate to have a rapidly growing Seminary. However, the increasing number of seminarians also require additional support to cover accommodation and learning.

We are fortunate to have a great team of God-loving volunteers at the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, all very eager to provide Christian education in public schools. However, our volunteers also need a suite of textbooks and learning materials to provide truly valuable and insightful classes to engage young minds.

We are also delighted to support the great work of the Ephpheta Centre, which welcomes and empowers our deaf members of the Church, allowing them to encounter Christ, and providing them with avenues to share God's love in the community. Without you though, this work cannot continue.

Lastly, and more sadly, there are some in our Diocese affected by the societal challenges of homelessness, mental health, addictions and family breakdown. In these cases, some people just need a helping hand, and a second, third and fourth chance in life. Your support brings about the new lease of life needed by some in our community.

With all of these challenges, our good works of faith, hope and charity abide.

In light of these ongoing works, may I emphasise my deep gratitude and express a most heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support.

Although these works have been previously labelled "Diocesan Works", I want to emphasise that these works belong to you, and without you, many people would not receive the good impact you provide.

I also want to extend to you a renewed invitation to join me in sustaining these important works in our Diocese. Join me and support *Parramatta Catholic Foundation* today, to continue building faith, hope and charity across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Thank you, and God bless.

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
BISHOP of PARRAMATTA



Bishop Vincent needs to raise \$2.5 million annually to sustain the charitable works in our Diocese.

If 1 in 3 people attending Mass today become bronze ambassadors, Bishop Vincent would secure the funds needed to continue and grow our good works.

To become an ambassador, visit: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au

OVERVIEW OF PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

The Diocese of Parramatta is delighted to announce the establishment of *Parramatta Catholic Foundation*, which will replace the Diocesan Works Fund, and expand on its good works.

Parramatta Catholic Foundation needs to raise \$2.5 million annually to sustain the works of the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains - including the formation of our seminarians, providing Christian education in public schools, the empowering of our disabled with job training, supporting our deaf and housing vulnerable single mothers facing homelessness. To achieve these great works, *Parramatta Catholic Foundation* proudly supports Holy Spirit Seminary, The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Ephpheta Centre and CatholicCare.

Donations of \$2 or more to *Parramatta Catholic Foundation* are tax deductible.

Parramatta Catholic Foundation will also manage The Catholic Fund, which will house gifts such as bequests and donations for special projects. Donations to this fund are not tax deductible. *Parramatta Catholic Foundation* aims to annually increase donations to further sustain, grow and expand the good works from our faithful in the Diocese – building faith, hope and charity across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.



SUSTAINING FAITH

Parramatta Catholic Foundation proudly supports the **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine**, and **Holy Spirit Seminary**, which work to spread the faith. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine provides faith formation and Christian learning to students in State schools. The main areas taught are the teachings of Jesus, Gospel values and the Catholic Church.

The great fruit of this ministry is assisting students to encounter Christ.



“A reward from this work is to see students praying to God, sharing their joys and sorrows... I’m also moved when students freely approach teachers years later, recalling their SRE classes. Some of these students go on to become SRE teachers themselves.”

Cecilia Zammit, Director of The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

The Holy Spirit Seminary forms young men for the priesthood and for a life of service, modeled on Christ. It does this by providing a holistic approach to developing seminarians spiritually, academically and in human virtue.



“We have three key areas of formation for our seminarians. The first level deepens their relationship with God. The second level enriches their relationship with family, friends and peers. And the third level expands their contribution to society. Integrating these three levels prepares our future priests for the demands of this ministry.”

Fr John Hogan, Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary



SUSTAINING HOPE

Parramatta Catholic Foundation proudly supports the **Ephpheta Centre**, which offers access and support to those who are hard of hearing and deaf. Many rely on the Ephpheta Centre for its sacramental programs, pastoral care and social support. The Ephpheta Centre is also considered another family and home. It is a place of welcome, hope and acceptance.



“I wasn’t always deaf. I began losing my hearing when I was 14. And I can’t really describe that feeling when I first came here (The Ephpheta Centre) when I was 16, to see people like me, especially at a time when I was feeling a bit confused and didn’t know the kind of person I had to change into. It just had a profound impact on me, discovering who I was, and who I would become.”

Christiane Kassab, Community Worker at the Ephpheta Centre

Seminarians study AUSLAN at the Ephpheta Centre in order to minister to the deaf community.



SUSTAINING CHARITY

Parramatta Catholic Foundation proudly supports **CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains**, which is the official social services charity of the Diocese of Parramatta. CatholicCare provides disability services, including job training, it also offers migrant and refugee services including childcare programs for parents learning English and computer studies.



"There is great jubilation when they get their (English) certificate because they've never had anything like that in their life. Actually, they are happy when they can write their own name."

Sr Janet Woods, English and Computer Studies Educator at CatholicCare

CatholicCare also provides family counselling, problem gambling counselling and supports young single mothers facing homelessness.



"We've had girls living in tents, down in the bush close to here, so to be able to assist those girls, we sometime say it's really nice to be able to hold them just for a little while, till they settle, till they grow up a little."

Louise Masters, Manager at CatholicCare Houses to Homes



"CatholicCare are not just another social service agency, they are the social service agency of the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta. CatholicCare are owned by this Diocese and by the people of this Diocese."

Michael Mendieta, Head of Parramatta Catholic Foundation



GIVING PROGRAMS: AMBASSADORS OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

Friends of *Parramatta Catholic Foundation* can heroically sustain our works of faith, hope and charity by choosing to donate a major gift or become a regular monthly donor, and become an *Ambassador of Faith, Hope and Charity*.

MAJOR GIVING

Major Gifts to *Parramatta Catholic Foundation* will support our works of faith, hope and charity in the Diocese of Parramatta. Special pins are awarded to acknowledge extraordinary gifts and to recognise total giving reaching significant milestones. *Parramatta Catholic Foundation* appreciates the sacrifice in each donation, and therefore acknowledges each gift fittingly. In advance, Parramatta Catholic Foundation thanks you for your earnest support.



SILVER
\$5,000



GOLD
\$10,000



DIAMOND
\$25,000

REGULAR GIVING

Donors may also choose to support all the works of faith, hope and charity on a monthly basis, and may choose to become a bronze level Ambassador of Faith, Hope and Charity.



BRONZE 1
\$17 p/m



BRONZE 2
\$30 p/m



BRONZE 3
\$50 p/m

The option to support a single area of work is also available:

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FAITH
\$7 p/m



HOPE
\$7 p/m



CHARITY
\$7 p/m

BEQUEST: SECURE FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY INTO THE FUTURE


There are many social challenges today, including a decline in faith, lack of inclusion, and family breakdowns; all of which are hurting members of our Church and community. With all of these challenges, our good works of faith, hope and charity abide, in turn helping thousands of people across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

However, *Parramatta Catholic Foundation*, Diocese of Parramatta, needs your help to secure these works into the future. The lasting impact of bequests – both large and small – can secure this end. For many supporters of *Parramatta Catholic Foundation* (formerly the Diocesan Works Fund), a charitable bequest is the easier and best way to make a gift.

Consider leaving a portion of your estate to *Parramatta Catholic Foundation*, Diocese of Parramatta, to secure and advance our work of building and sustaining faith, hope and charity, across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

As the Scriptures reveal, many things of this world will perish, but the works of “faith, hope and charity abide” (1 Corinthians 13:13). With your help, this reality will come to bear.

For more information, please contact our Bequests Specialist Monica Tamayo on yourfoundation@parra.catholic.org.au or (02) 8838 3482.

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